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(Continued from Page 19) the Administrative Employees of the Board who have professional knowledge, yet be strong in forming policy for the Administration to follow.

2. How do you think a School Board member can promote improvements in the following areas of education:

A) Curriculum. In my opinion a school board should be aware of the needs of the community in relation to education adaptable to the society in which we live. The continuation and advancement of more basic skills such as reading, spelling and arithmetic, especially at elementary school level, which are the tools for learning for higher and specific fields.

B) Obtaining and Retaining a High Caliber of Teachers. The dedicated teacher is the most important aspect of a good school system. I would encourage teachers to participate in their professional groups. I approve of financial remuneration for advanced study in their major fields. The board should maintain a teacher salary schedule comparative to

other districts; should offer, within budget limitations, aids and equipment to do a more effective job which will help to a result of personal satisfaction of accomplishment. School Administration liaison with college placement bureaus will help to get good teachers.

C) Budget Allotments. The budget allotment should be made only after close study and evaluation by the board. Evaluation should be made in regard to priorities that are set by the administrative staff and board's awareness of results attained by a comparative basis.

D) Summer School Program. Summer school program should be encouraged to give students an opportunity to make up work or to take subjects that will further their interest in specific fields. The physical use of the facilities during summer months is an economy measure.

E) Special Services. Special services should best be allocated to serve the needs of the students. Those with physical or mental handicaps certainly should have special services to help fit them into our society as individuals.

3. What means do you favor for financing new school construction? I favor the selling of bonds as authorized by the people and administered by the school board as the best way to finance our new construction. Due to our anticipated future growth and increase in assessed valuation, the tax load can better be distributed through future payments rather than by a "pay as you go" basis.

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1. What would be your primary objective if elected to the Board? The objective of board members should be establishment of policies which will lead to the best possible program for students of the district. My primary areas of concern are: (1) strengthening of reading programs in elementary grades, (2) further departmentalization of 7th and 8th grade instruction, (3) strengthening of vocational education for students planning to discontinue education at high school graduation, (4) consistent policies on discipline, (5) sound financial expenditures, and (6) policies to attract career teachers to this district.

2. How do you think a School Board member can promote improvements in the following areas of education?

A) Curriculum. To study curriculum offered to students and through establishment of educational policies to direct the administration to strengthen weak areas; for example, more emphasis on reading at the primary level, vocational education for those students not planning to attend college, and strengthened academic education for the future college student. Obtaining the best possible textbooks, useful equipment, and logical sequences of courses leading to major curriculum areas are among the needs of this district.

B) Obtaining and Retaining a High Caliber of Teachers. No educational program is better than the teacher in whose trust we place our youth. I prefer an inspired teacher in a tent than a dolt in an educational palace. The possibility of either merit pay or better pay scale for master teachers should be studied. Several present policies should be reversed—the policy of pay raises in October or November rather than September have caused some career teachers to leave to surrounding districts.

C) Budget Allotments. Budget allotments should be on the basis of actual fiscal needs. (Torrance property owners are taxed \$2.90 per hundred.) I will ask the administration to prepare a study as to what this district should be spending. If more money is needed, I would support a tax override; if we are spending unwisely, I would not support a tax increase. Frankly, I need more time to study school finance and am not prepared to make hasty judgements.

D) Summer School Program. In my opinion it is foolish to allow those costly buildings to remain idle much of the school year; therefore, I support a summer school program. Summer session can be utilized to help those students deficient in basic skills, to help the average student enrich his educational program, and to help the college minded student take those subjects which he can not take during the regular session due to the rigid requirements for college entrance.

E) Special Services. School Buses: Reevaluation of the present school bus policy is needed, especially in those areas which have no sidewalks, and those areas of heavy automobile traffic. Recreation: Because of limited recreational space available for the youth of Torrance, I believe that the school grounds should be open evenings and week-ends. Public Use: Schools should be open for public use provided organizations using school rooms should pay for upkeep and that meetings are consistent with our ideals of Americanism.

3. What means do you favor for financing new school construction? New school construction should be financed through long term bonds, approximately the same type of financing utilized to buy a home. By using bonds those persons now coming to the Torrance District will be helping to pay for school construction as their children use classroom space. In addition, I believe this district could more wisely use bond money for equipment actually needed in the educational program rather than spending huge sums for luxurious buildings.

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New Slate Elected by Rivierans

Mrs. Edwin Fay has been elected president of the Riviera Senior Citizens Club. The club met last week to elect its first officers.

Other officers elected include Mrs. F. M. Fowler, vice president; Mrs. John Decker, secretary-treasurer; and William Cameron, Edwin Fay, and Mrs. Barbara Perdue, all board members.

Committee chairmen for the next year are Mrs. William Cameron, Mrs. Thomas Maher, and James Martin.

The club will hold its business meeting on the first Friday of each month. Members who have birthdays will be honored each month at the El Retiro Clubhouse meeting.

The new club has applied for a charter from the Torrance Recreation Department. There are presently 109 members in the club.

Rose Parade Workers Will View Films

Films of the 1963 Tournament of Roses Parade will be shown to workers and contributors to the Torrance parade entry Wednesday, April 17. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Building at Civic Center.

Hiles M. Bedell, president of the Tournament of Roses Assn., will present a second place award to the sponsors of the Torrance float. Other Tournament of Roses officials will also be on hand.

The film showing, open to the public, will be followed by the presentation ceremonies and refreshments.

Slates Egg Hunt

Toddlers to 10-year-olds will roam the length and breadth of El Retiro Park on Saturday in a traditional Easter egg hunt.

Sponsored annually by the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club, the hunt will consist of divisions for toddlers, intermediates, and older kids. Prizes will be awarded in all groups.

The hunt will begin at 10 a.m. with Girl Scouts and Explorer Scouts supervising.

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